

Rabbi's Column

Hands-On Holidays

If September is the most intense month this year, then October is the most joyous—because it includes Sukkot and Simchat Torah. These two physical, hands-on, living-in-the-world days are a balance to the introspection and potential withdrawal of Yom Kippur. We conclude our Yom Kippur fast by preparing for Sukkot, a celebration and thanksgiving for the harvest. On the Jewish calendar, everything from Rosh Hashanah through Sukkot occurs during the busy month of Tishri.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah are rich with Jewish traditions and Sha'ar Zahav traditions, too. Sukkot, the autumn harvest festival, is the third of the three agricultural, pilgrimage festivals (after Pesach and Shavuot). Originally known as Chag Ha-Asif, the Festival of Ingathering, in ancient days it marked the final ingathering of produce before winter. Later, the festival came to be associated with the Israelites' 40 years of wandering in the desert, following the Exodus (Passover) and the revelation at Sinai (Shavuot). The sukkah, the prime symbol of the day, evokes the shelters of the desert nomads, the harvester's temporary field dwellings, and the huts erected by pilgrims who came to Jerusalem to celebrate the festival.

According to the Torah, we are to live in the sukkah for seven days. What constitutes "living" in the sukkah? At a minimum, eating a meal there! (What else?) But, said the rabbis, you should not continue to eat your meal in the sukkah if it should start to rain! Fulfilling a mitzvah should be a joy, they taught, not a burden. So how much rain is too much rain? Enough so that you are not having a good time, or a quantity which "will spoil the soup."

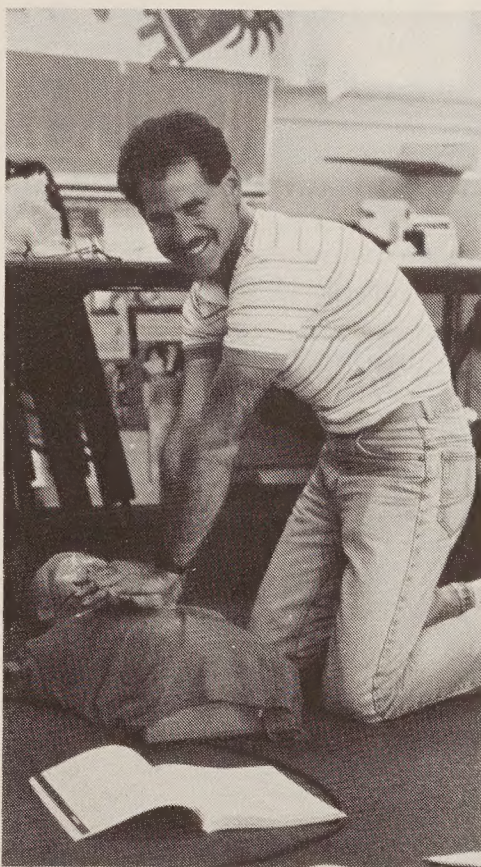
In San Francisco, we usually are troubled by the cold more than by the rain. This year, Sha'ar Zahav will be observing Sukkot at four different locations, at four different times. I hope you will make a special effort to share in the

joy of the holiday (and eat a bite, too) in one of them. (We will be having services in San Francisco and the East Bay. Please see the calendar for details.)

On Sukkot, according to medieval custom, we invite symbolic guests from the Jewish past—from Abraham to Esther—to join us in the sukkah. This holiday is an opportunity to learn more about Jewish historical figures and take them with us as sources of inspiration on our own life journey. You might also wish to invite a real guest to join you in your celebration of these festive days. We are continuing a long-standing CSZ tradition with the Sukkot potluck in San Francisco.

Simchat Torah, which is the last day of the fall holiday season, falls on Wednesday evening, October 10. Please note that your Jewish calendar may list the

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CPR instructor Steve Elman. (See article on page 6.) PHOTO BY KATE SHARP

Sleeping Out in the Sukkah

The seven-day festival of Sukkot, coming only five days after Yom Kippur, has a tendency to sneak up on us (and sometimes even slip right by) after the excitement of the High Holidays. Sukkot, the festival on which the American Thanksgiving was very likely modeled, is the third of the pilgrimage festivals (Pesach and Shavuot are the other two), the observance of which required a trip to Jerusalem by the ancient Israelites. The passage in Leviticus 23 giving the commandment for the festival suggests that Sukkot (just as Pesach) may combine elements of a feast of unleavened bread from an agricultural society and a festival involving animal sacrifice from a wandering, herding society. We are instructed to dwell for seven days in "booths" (huts) which represent the temporary shelters lived in during the harvest being celebrated, with the added meaning that the booths are a reminder of the Exodus from Egypt: "... you shall live in booths seven days ... in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of Egypt...." Although the emphasis in the sukkah seems to be on the agricultural harvest, the ancient Temple observance also involved an amazingly large quota of animal sacrifice: 13 bulls, 2 rams and 14 lambs on the first day, and the same for each successive day, decreasing the number of bulls by one each day, for a total of 70 bulls! (I'll leave it to you to multiply out the lamb toll.)

Whether it be a reminder of wandering days or of life in the fields, to eat and sleep in the sukkah means to go outside and live in a fragile hut with sunlight and starlight coming through the loosely woven roof, and to trust that God will protect and provide. Does it mean the same thing to us as modern city dwellers? We can build a sukkah in the backyard or on the balcony, or, if we were on the East Coast, order one from the F & F Sukkah Factory and Showroom in

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date as Thursday, October 11—Reform Jews observe the holiday on Wednesday evening and Thursday. On Simchat Torah, we conclude the reading of the Torah and immediately begin again. Always a night of joy, we have developed a reputation around the Jewish community for the most exciting Simchat Torah service in town. In the best "only-at-CSZ-fashion," it is an evening of music, dancing and spiritually uplifting fun. Cantor Janese Cohen will be our special guest and we will be welcoming our new religious school students as they begin their study of Torah.

Through Sukkot, we continue to wish one another "A sweet and good New Year." May yours be filled with blessing and peace.

—Rabbi Yoel Kahn

Naches

To **Winston Pickett** on moving to New York to become United States Bureau Chief of the *Jerusalem Report*, a new worldwide weekly Jewish publication.

To **Lori Ubell** on having her Rosh Hashanah sermon, "Sarah's Voice," appear in the August/September *Hadassah Magazine*.

To **Rabbi Yoel Kahn** who was invited by the UAHC Chicago/Great Lakes Federation to be the keynote speaker at its biennial convention on November 4. (Rabbi Kahn will speak on "Who We Are: Expanding Our Understanding of 'Family.'")

To **Judy Macks** on winning a medal at Gay Games in Vancouver this summer.

Sleeping Out

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Brooklyn. But you probably wouldn't catch me sleeping out in it without tear gas near my pillow and a Rottweiler at my feet.

For ancient people, gathering together in towns and cities provided protection and security both from the elements and marauding outsiders.

Nowadays, although many city-bred folks attest to unease away from brick and concrete landscapes, there is a much more pronounced sense of the city being a fragile place—dependent on the transportation of outside resources for its food, water and energy; full of violent crime, and a hazardous place to be during an earthquake. That King Solomon chose the festival of Sukkot to dedicate the new Temple, seemingly a strange choice, is seen by some to suggest he wanted to emphasize by contrast that even the massive, solid Temple in the city is as fragile as a sukkah in the wilderness.

Many of us today would question whether God is directly responsible for either famine, drought or a superb harvest; or whether God might intervene to protect some (but not others) from natural disasters or human violence. In that light, perhaps a sojourn in the sukkah serves to make us take the time to think about our place in the universe and relationship to the earth, and perhaps to realize that try as we may, we can only create the illusion of security in our lives. At this point, it becomes an act of faith to fulfill the commandment to rejoice (Sukkot is the only holiday on which we are commanded in the Torah to be joyful) in the blessings we presently enjoy.

—Nancy Snow, Ritual Committee

Office Notes

With the High Holidays upon us, the office, as you might expect, is quite busy. Just a reminder that it will take up to 24 hours for you to receive a response to your phone call. Please allow up to 72 hours for requests such as labels or printed information. As always, the call goes out to our membership for office volunteers. Even a couple of hours on one day answering the phones would help us and give you that warm feeling of participation. Please feel free to call the office for any request at 861-6932.

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Long-Range Planning

As described in great detail in last month's *Forward*, the Long-Range Planning Committee, having completed the process of drafting goals and objectives in each of the nine planning areas, is holding a series of meetings with committees and interested members to develop working statements in each of those areas.

In September, meetings were held in the areas of Health and Support, Social Programming and Finance. Meetings for the remaining six areas will be held in October as follows:

- **Outreach and Social Action**
Monday, October 15, 6:30 pm
- **Governance**
Wednesday, October 17, 7 pm
- **Membership**
Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm
- **Facilities and Staff**
Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm
- **Education**
Monday, October 22, 6:30 pm
- **Ritual**
Monday, October 29, 6:30 pm

All meetings will be held upstairs at the synagogue and will begin promptly. We encourage all members interested in planning in one or more of these areas to attend. **Single members and those in their 20s or over 50 are particularly encouraged to attend.**

If you are unable to attend a particular meeting but want to have some input, please mail your remarks to the Long-Range Planning Committee at the synagogue.

HIV+ Dinner and Discussion

All CSZ members who are HIV-positive, PWA/ARC, are invited to a dinner and evening of discussion with Rabbi Kahn on Tuesday evening, October 22. The dinner will start promptly at 6:45 pm at 61 Ford St. (near 17th and Noe). At 7:30, a discussion will begin about coping with job and workplace demands, making decisions about retirement and disability, and how to deal with our own and others' feelings and responses.

This program is open to CSZ members only. Please RSVP by October 18 if you plan to attend, by calling Steve Davis at 285-5922. You may contact Steve or Rabbi Kahn for more information.



Family-to-Family

"The stranger who travels among you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you too were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Leviticus 19:33-34

More than 2,500 new Soviet emigres will arrive in our community during the year 5751. You can make a difference and participate in this historic moment in the life of our people by reaching out to a Jewish emigre in the Bay Area.

For an application to volunteer as a conversational English tutor or to serve as a host in the Family-to-Family Program, call Stephanie Kipperman at Jewish Family and Children's Services, 474-0234. To offer job leads or join the Career Advisor Program, call the Emigre Jobs Project at Jewish Vocational Service, 391-3595. No knowledge of the Russian language is needed for these volunteer opportunities.

Friday Night Dinner

When I was growing up, Shabbat was always celebrated at Friday night dinner. The candles would be lit, we would recite prayers for the bread and wine, and welcome the Sabbath into our house. We would do this even if we were traveling and not at home, for this was the time my family caught up with each other, discussing the week's events and activities.

If you are like most of us, however, when Friday night comes around, you are tired and just the *thought* of preparing a Shabbat dinner is exhausting. Fortunately, there is now an alternative.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav is now having Shabbat dinners which are catered and held at the synagogue prior to Shabbat services. An abbreviated service is conducted before the meal. Our goal is to provide a warm and friendly atmosphere, with good food, for us to welcome in the Shabbat.

Please consider joining us. Aside from the warm feeling described above, it is a great way to meet members of our congregation in a relaxed setting. Our next Shabbat dinner will be on October 19, so call Marc Mencher (626-9592) to reserve a seat at the table.

—Jeffrey Miller

Join us for Shabbat dinner at Sha'ar Zahav

Friday, October 19, 6:30 pm

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September Va'ad Report

Merry Luskin opened the Va'ad meeting with an announcement that Jose Luis Moscovich will be resigning from the Va'ad effective October 1. Merry will propose a candidate to serve out the remainder of his term at the October Va'ad meeting.

Leading us in D'var Torah, Rabbi Kahn spoke on the themes of the High Holidays. Before we ask God's forgiveness we must ask the forgiveness of others. He suggested we examine what we have not forgiven ourselves for and what steps we must take to do *t'shuvah* internally. Moving on to synagogue business, Rabbi Kahn invited Va'ad members to visit the library to view the CSZ family tree created by Kadimah students on opening day, Saturday, September 11. He expressed some concerns about there not being enough volunteers to help committee chairs carry out projects, and feels we should address this as a gap in our leadership development activities. The Advance Follow-Up Committee will be making some recommendations in this area when they report back in October. Rabbi Kahn also said we need to examine how we follow through on decisions made by a previous Va'ad and make sure they are binding.

Merry Luskin led a discussion about the recent modifications to the Ark. Marion Trentman, who built the Ark, was there to express her concerns about not having been notified before the modifications were done. She raised the question of whether a gift of art is modifiable at all. Various people who had been involved with this project through either the Building Committee or the Fine Arts Committee were there to address how this project took shape. After much discussion, Rabbi Kahn said we need to assume and honor each other's highest motives in working on this project, and affirm each other for having acted in good faith and in the best interests of the congregation. Merry will be reconstituting the Fine Arts Committee and will bring a proposal to the next meeting regarding its members.

Brett Trueman instructed the Va'ad on how to read the new financial statement by explaining the various categories of assets and how they differ from one another, how various totals are derived, and to what we should pay particular attention each month when reviewing

the financial report in the Va'ad mailing. Judy Schwartz presented six families and 26 individuals to the Va'ad and they were unanimously voted in as members.

In response to a request from both the Adult Education Committee and the Religious School Committee, the Va'ad passed a motion to split the present Education fund into two separate funds—the Adult Education and Children's Education funds. A second motion was then passed to equally divide the money in the present Education fund between the two new funds. Future contributions to the Education fund (if not specifically earmarked for one or the other of the two new funds) will be divided equally between them.

Allan Gold reported that the Bequests and Donations brochure will be printed soon and the Va'ad decided to have it available on lobby tables at High Holiday services. It will also be mailed out with the *Forward* early in 1991. Allan also informed the Va'ad that he and Merry Luskin hope to convene the Elections Committee early this year.

Claudia Bernard gave a favorable report on preparations for High Holidays and said that logistics for the services are going well. Lisa Katz reported that the Mayor's Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness had asked to use our congregation's name as an endorser of a sukkah dedication ceremony at the Jewish Community Center on October 3. Mark Pressler, office manager, reactivated the folding chairs project, and Eric Keitel volunteered to do some of the leg work (tuchas work?) to find us some additional chairs. A motion was then approved to spend up to \$700 from our General Fund for 30 upholstered chairs.

The meeting ended just before 9:30 with a reminder from Irene Ogus, chair of the Personnel Committee, to be kind to our office staff during these busy weeks leading up to the High Holidays.

Reminder...

The following is a quick review of the adult education courses:

Twice Blessed Workshop

Topic: Coming Out
Facilitator: Pam Miller
Date: Saturday, October 20
Time: 12:30 pm
Place: CSZ library
Cost: Members, free; non-members \$5
For reservations please contact Elliot Gordon, 252-1253.

Lehrhaus Judaica Classes

- **Feminism and Judaism**
Instructor: Emily Silverman
Beginning date: Tuesday, October 16
Time: 7:30–9 pm
- **Prayerbook Hebrew**
Instructor: Phyllis Mintzer
Beginning date: Wednesday, October 17
Time: 7:15–8:30 pm
- **Introduction to Judaism**
Instructor: Phyllis Mintzer
Beginning date: Wednesday, October 17
Time: 8:30–9:45 pm

The cost for each Lehrhaus Judaica course will be \$40 for members and \$60 for non-members. The Education Committee will pay \$20 toward the course costs for each CSZ member, bringing the price down to \$20. All courses will consist of 10 sessions and be held in the CSZ library. For reservations please contact the synagogue office.

Check the September *Forward* for details on all these courses.

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Shalom '91, which is chaired by Rosalynne and Dick Swig, has been planned to provide just such an experience for everyone—whether first-time or veteran visitors to Israel.

Participants will travel in affinity groups of 40 to a deluxe bus on custom-tailored tours. While one group may be taking a behind-the-scenes look at the art and architecture of Jerusalem, another may be meeting with movers and shakers in Israel's dynamic high-tech industry, and still another could be greeting the newest *olim*—Soviet emigres—and talking with them as they resettle in the Jewish homeland.

Each participant will enjoy an evening in the home of an Israeli family. There, they'll have a chance to share opinions and feelings about life and lifestyles.

The group will gather together on several occasions: for a gala evening where they'll be addressed by Israeli leaders; to welcome Shabbat at the Western Wall; and to march en masse in celebration of Israel's Independence Day.

Shalom '91 is sponsored by the four Northern California Jewish federations. Cost for the mega-mission, which includes transportation, five-star accommodations, most meals and activities fees is \$2,398 per person. A \$250 deposit reserves your spot. There will be no solicitation at any time.

For more information, call Madeline Chaleff at Mission headquarters at (800) 649-4779 or (415) 777-0411.



Newsletter chair Howard Blechman chatting with Rosalynne Swig, co-chair of Shalom '91, at a recent gathering at the Swig's Presidio Heights home. The purpose of the gathering was to brief publications persons in the Bay Area Jewish community about the mega-mission to Israel. PHOTOGRAPH BY SUZAN BERNIS

Thanks, Alita!

The Newsletter Committee wishes to thank Alita Rosenfeld for her unswerving effort as co-chair for the past year and a half. She will be relinquishing her position due to increasing time constraints placed on her by her baby, Daniel. Thank you, Alita.

Oneg Sponsors

During September onegs were sponsored by the following generous people:

- 7 Al Baum, in honor of his big birthday, the 60th
- 21 Susan Greenspan and Family, in beloved memory of Fritzzy Greenspan

All you have to do to sponsor an oneg is to think of the occasion and contact the synagogue office (861-6932). The cost of sponsoring an oneg is \$50. You can also provide the food, flowers, etc. for a more personal touch.



Birthdays

- 2 Sharyn Saslafsky
- 2 Gregory Jonathan Rubin
- 4 Richard P. Inlander
- 5 Jeffrey H. Weil
- 7 Randy Heilbrunn
- 7 Michael A. Zimmerman
- 7 David Wasserman
- 7 Scott Feinstein
- 8 Joella M. Harlan
- 11 Forrest Kincade
- 13 Joshua Kennedy Rose
- 13 David Gellman
- 14 Michael Bettinger
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- 31 Jesse Hornstein



Anniversaries

- 1 Brian Ellis & Steven Farmer
- 10 Joyce Amburgey & Cynthia Schorr
- 12 Alex Ingersoll & David Stein
- 18 Howard Blechman & Christopher Freeman
- 21 Roslyn Fuerman & Ann Kennedy
- 29 Bill Goldstein & Chris Archuleta
- 30 Gail Friedlander & Gail Atkins

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If you play an instrument and want to add to the beauty of our worship services, boy, has the Ritual Committee got a deal for you! There's no money in it, but plenty of naches. The piano, guitar, clarinet and recorder have already been heard during services, and many other instruments should fit in just fine. We can use instrumentalists who are conversant with Jewish music, to accompany the congregation or one or more singers, or to play music either alone or with other instrumentalists. Come out of the closet with your musical instrument and play for or with us. Call Larry Wexler, chair of the Ritual Committee (523-6775), to let us know of your interest.

CPR Class Graduates

Five Sha'ar Zahavniks spent a warm September afternoon in the synagogue library learning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Their instructor, Steve Elman (see front page photo), managed to relay a lot of material in a short amount of time without overloading the class' attention span. Participants said they were glad to learn the material and would be even happier if they were never in a position to use those lifesaving techniques. The Women's Chavurah sponsored the class and its members plan to help Steve organize another class in 1991.

New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained several new members and friends in September. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Ann Rachel Bauman

Ilana Bernstein

Matt Brook-Miller

Marilyn Brown

Shoshana Cohen

Susan Foster

Marta Friedman

Miriam Garfinkel

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Manuscript Illumination Exhibition

The rich tradition of manuscript illumination in Jewish culture and its contemporary applications is the focus of *Illuminations*, the fall exhibition at the Jewish Community Museum, on display October 17 through January 20. *Illuminations* will feature works by contemporary artists who either continue the tradition of "illuminators" or whose abstract conceptions begin with the Hebrew letter. These works will be exhibited in conjunction with examples of historical manuscripts which explore the ongoing history and importance of written works in Jewish tradition.

The works of French artist Dominique Fajnzang and American artists Martha Casenave will comprise a major portion of the exhibit. Fajnzang's pieces experiment with the form of manuscript art, combining traditional elements with contemporary abstract style. The textiles in her work, collages of dyed silk and metallic threads, are often unraveled and rewoven around the text, creating a fragility in the piece along with a dual sense of creation and decay. The works are markedly contemporary but evoke a historical and personal past.

Casenave is a contemporary American artist whose works, although distinctly different in technique and medium from Fajnzang, are similarly inspired. The artist's formal education is in languages, and her series titled "Table of Elements: Studies of the Hebrew Alphabet" explores the history, mystical symbolism and aesthetics of the Hebrew alphabet. The works are photograms—images produced in a darkroom without the use of a camera. The series emphasizes and reaffirms the importance and endurance of the written word in Jewish tradition.

Books are an integral part of Jewish tradition, and the use of illumination in documents such as the *ketubba* (Jewish marriage document) and *Megilla* (scroll of Esther) will be examined in historical context. Other forms of scribal arts, such as "micrography," a technique invented by Jewish scribes which incorporates text into design, will be components of the exhibit.

Manuscript illumination is an art form that comprehensively traces Jewish history for 2,000 years. Although, stylistically, illuminations may be a reflection of the artist's country of origin, there are examples of diversity and incorporation

of a personalized Jewish tradition found in an artist's work. The exhibition will examine the way in which unique artistic expressions based on a unified cultural tradition (Jewish scribal arts) vary between individuals of different backgrounds and countries of origin.

The Jewish Community Museum, 121 Steuart St., San Francisco, is open Sunday and Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4 pm, closed Saturday and Monday (543-8880). Admission is free.

Great Gift!

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav would like to thank Pam Schaffer for her generous donation of a Hewlett Packard LaserJet II to the synagogue, a gift which was given in honor of the 1990-91 Va'ad. Given the extraordinary growth of our congregation, the donation of this printer fills an important need of our synagogue and will certainly be heavily used. Thanks again, Pam!

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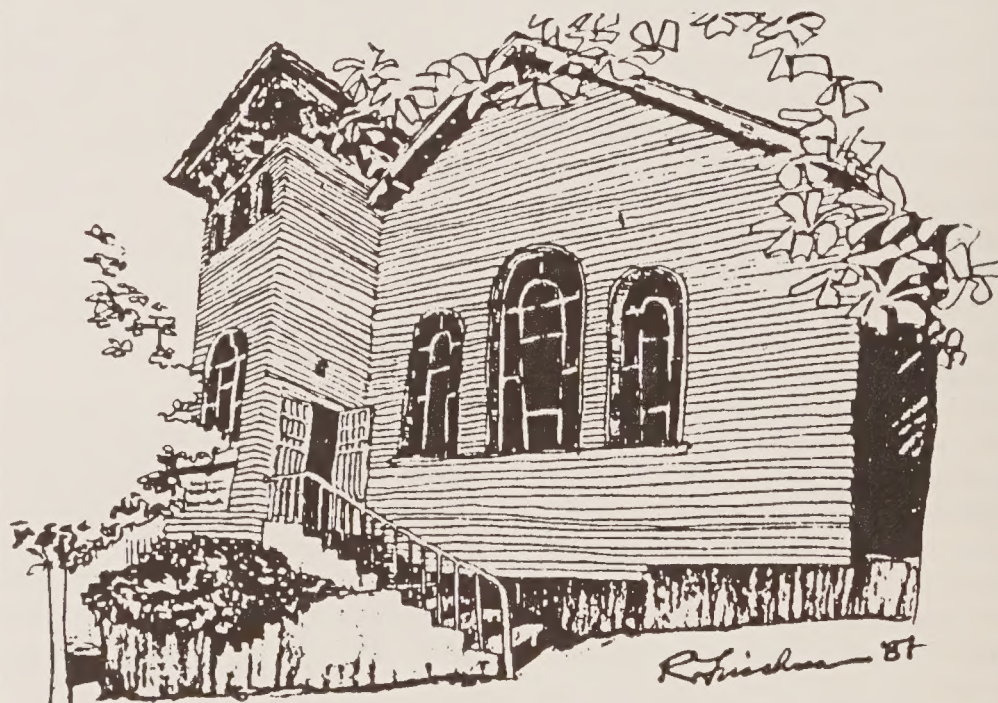
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Social Action Fund

Judith Schwartz, in honor of Lisa Katz' new job

Ron Lezell, in honor of Al Baum's 60th birthday

High Holidays Fund

Betty Kalis, for the High Holidays

Jonathan Funk, for the High Holidays

Prayerbook Fund

Lin Turner, in honor of Elliot Gordon's birthday

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Scott Mezistrano, in recognition of Gail Friedlander's wonderful work as coordinator of the 1990 Advance

Mr. & Mrs. Mackler, in honor of Sha'ar Zahav's Bar Mitzvah

Torah Fund

Richard Inlander, in honor of Ben's embarking on his new career

Yahrzeits

- 2 Morris Landesman, grandfather of Jonathan Goldman
- 2 (Tishri 13) Sheri Reiss, friend of Ellen Kugler
- 5 (Tishri 16) Nathan Goldinger, grandfather of Neil Hart
- 5 Rubin Hyman, grandfather of Berry Klezmer
- 6 (Tishri 17) Rabbi Ben Marcus, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 7 (Tishri 18) Samuel Ladin, grandfather of Jay Ladin
- 8 (Tishri 19) Sylvia Strauss, friend of Walt Leiss
- 8 Morris Leitman, grandfather of Lori Ubell
- 10 Rebecca Prengler, great-grandmother of Ann Biderman
- 12 (Tishri 23) Mathilda Mezistrano, grandmother of Scott Mezistrano
- 13 (Tishri 24) Nathan Ogus, father of Irene Ogus
- 14 Leonard M. Rome, father of Joanne and Leslie Rome
- 15 Ethel Markow Samuels Kent, mother of Shelley Samuels
- 15 Leonard S. Ginne, father of Mindy Ginne
- 15 Dora Siegel Weinstein, grandmother of Barry Siegel
- 17 Shirley M. McCormick, mother of Michael J. McCormick, Jr.
- 18 Henry Mautner, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav
- 19 (Tishri 30) Abraham Cahn, father of Isabel Fishman
- 20 (Heshvan 1) Jacob Shraeter, friend of Jonathan Schwartz
- 20 Max Goldstein, grandfather of Bob Goldware
- 21 Osna Frischman, mother of Ralph Frischman
- 22 George Jalbert, friend of Jonathan Schwartz
- 22 (Heshvan 3) Abner Schmidt, grandfather of Don Albert
- 23 David Newman, uncle of Allan Gold
- 24 Glenn Murray Miller, member of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Synagogue Information

Rabbi Yoel Kahn

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Cookbook Project, Robin Leonard
Education, Elliot Gordon
Finance, Ben Schalit
Gift Shop, Bill Ashley-Dobbin
Israel Chavurah, Ron Lezell
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Oneg, Lin Turner
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Ritual, Larry Wexler
Social Program, Marc Mencher

Social Action, Jonathan Mesinger & Lisa Katz

Spirituality Chavurah, Larry Wexler

Women's Chavurah, Ann Biderman

Office Personnel:

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Office Hours: Mon. 8-5; Tues. 8-4:30; Wed., Thu. 8-2:30; Fri. 8-3. Phones will be answered Mon.-Fri. 10-2.

Emergency Number: In an emergency, the Congregation can be contacted outside of office hours by calling 420-9718.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second and last Saturday of each month at 10:30 am—check calendar for each month.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th & Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Stanyan to 18th & Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

Member Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Richard Inlander, Mike Rankin, Liaisons) and World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations (Eric Keitel, Liaison).

- 25 Emilian Reznicek, friend of Steve Greenberg
- 25 David Gutterman, father of Bob Gutterman
- 28 John Stuart-Munn, friend of Richard Inlander
- 29 Agnes Lowenstein, mother of Margaret Livingston
- 29 Jim Williams, friend of Marc Lipschutz
- 29 Eva Weitz, mother of Steve Weitz

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 of Sha'ar Zahav.*

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1 Monday 12 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15pm, Library open • 7:30pm, Education Committee 	8 Monday 19 Tishri Sukkot—Fifth Day Columbus Day (Observed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15pm, Library open • 6:30pm, Va'ad meeting • 7:30–10pm, Gift shop open 	16 Tuesday 27 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Investment Seminar • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism Class • 7:30pm, Newsletter proofing/layout, 1711 Castro 	24 Wednesday 5 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism
2 Tuesday 13 Tishri	9 Tuesday 20 Tishri Sukkot—Sixth Day	17 Wednesday 28 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7pm, Long-Range Planning—Governance • 7:15pm, Prayerbook Hebrew class • 8:30pm, Introduction to Judaism 	25 Thursday 6 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm, Ritual Committee • 7:30pm, Social Action Committee
3 Wednesday 14 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Services, Erev Sukkot, Rabbi Kahn and Susan Gelmis 	10 Wednesday 21 Tishri Sukkot—Seventh Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Simchat Torah services, Rabbi Kahn and Cantor Janese Cohen 	18 Thursday 29 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning—Facilities and Staff; Membership 	26 Friday 7 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Kahn and Dana Vinicoff, childcare available
4 Thursday 15 Tishri Sukkot—First Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10am, Services, Sukkot, Rabbi Kahn and Lina Zerbarini, 61 Ford St., San Francisco 	11 Thursday 22 Tishri Atzeret/Simchat Torah <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning meeting 	19 Friday 30 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm, Shabbat dinner • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Ora Prochovnik and Daniel Chesir 	27 Saturday 8 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10:30am, Morning services, Rabbi Kahn and Susan Unger
5 Friday 16 Tishri Sukkot—Second Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Larry Wexler and Frank Masson 	12 Friday 23 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30pm, Jewish Home for the Aged visit • 7:30–8:05pm, Gift shop open • 8:15pm, Services, Rabbi Kahn and Lyssa Friedman 	20 Saturday 1 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am, Kadimah • 1pm, Twice Blessed Workshop—Coming Out 	28 Sunday 9 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:30am, Kaiser Brunch, Kaiser Hospital, San Francisco
6 Saturday 17 Tishri Sukkot—Third Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am, Kadimah, 925 Talbot Ave., Albany • 10:30am, Sukkot services, Rabbi Kahn and Cantor Janese Cohen, 61 Ford St., San Francisco • 10:30am, Family Chavurah Sukkot services, 925 Talbot Ave., Albany 	13 Saturday 24 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am, Kadimah • 10:30am, Morning services, Lina Zerbarini and Kathy Simon 	21 Sunday 2 Heshvan	29 Monday 10 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15pm, Library open • 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning—Ritual
7 Sunday 18 Tishri Sukkot—Fourth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:45pm, Sukkot potluck, Daniel Chesir, 424 Central Ave., San Francisco 	14 Sunday 25 Tishri	22 Monday 3 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15pm, Library open • 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning—Education • 7–10pm, Gift shop open • HIV+ Dinner/Discussion, 61 Ford St., San Francisco 	30 Tuesday 11 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism
	15 Monday 26 Tishri <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15pm, Library open • 6:30pm, Long-Range Planning—Outreach and Social Action 	23 Tuesday 4 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7:30pm, Feminism and Judaism 	31 Wednesday 12 Heshvan Halloween
			2 Friday, November 2 14 Heshvan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:15pm, Services, Frank Masson and Daniel Chesir

Note: To improve the calendar's clarity, we will now highlight all religious services.